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## **REPLY TO THE APRIL 28, 2003 OFFICIAL ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the April 28, 2003 Official Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing the drawing changes.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

An Appendix A and B following page 14 of this paper. Appendix A is a double spaced copy of the application as filed. Appendix B is a clean copy of the application specification as amended by the "Amendments to the Specification".